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**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

6:00 PM

**City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-2702**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kreitz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Miller.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Antonio Benitez; Paul Burkart; Michael Couey; Nicolina Cuzzacrea; Roger Forest; Albert Gasparian; Bridget Kaub; Jay Kreitz; Amy Kwon; J.D. Miles; Roy Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amy Kwon (excused); Jerry Moffatt (excused); Dick Thiel (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: David Dominguez; Janeen Laudenback; Charlene Gomez

PRESENTATIONS:

Community Services Department presented “Celebration of Leadership” in recognition of summer recreation staff. Recreation Specialist, Scott Getman opened the presentation by thanking summer recreation staff for their dedication, professionalism, and hard work in the following programs: Aquatics, Youth Sports, Community Centers/Facilities & Programs, and Senior Services. Mr. Getman introduced Recreation Specialist Aaron Katayama to recognize the outstanding job performed by those in the aquatics program, which included Bryana Salazar; Matt Rubly, Kelly Nguyen; Emily Cardona; Erikka Ross; and Connor Ahern. The Summer Youth Sports recreation staff recognized were Stipe Lasic, Niko Silva, Emily Richards and Nikki Fukazawa. Recreation Specialist Krystie Franco introduced the Facilities & Programs staff for recognition, including Justin Sugamura, Codi Tennessen and Samantha Ennes. The Senior Center summer staff consisted of Jean Faulkner, Kathy Pace, Ian Turlo, Jess Hallford, Judi Rohrdanz, Alvaro Rodriguez, Erick Wenberg, Olivia Hovis, Sandra Yopez, Ian MacDonald, and Betty Hickey. Mr. Getman thanked Commission for allowing the recognition of the summer staff. Laudenback thanked the staff and acknowledged them all that they do. She also congratulated the Recreation specialists for their hard work and putting together the presentation.

MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Kaub and seconded by Miles to approve the minutes as written for the July 13, 2016 Community Services Commission meeting.

Ayes: Benitez, Couey; Cuzzacrea; Gasparian; Kaub; Kreitz; Miles; Miller

Noes: None

Abstain: Burkart, Forest

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mary Urashima introduced herself as the Chair of the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force, a member of the Huntington Beach Historical Society and a member of the Nation Trust for Preservation. She spoke in support of retaining the name at Arevalos Park and expressed concerns about potential changes at Lamb and Wardlow Parks. She provided some historical background on Arevalos, Lamb and Wardlow and informed Commission of the past connection of the Wardlow family to the Wintersburg site. She felt that something more suited to Frank Ciarelli's history should be named for him.

Dan Gibb, a member of the Fountain Valley Historical Society and Orange County Historical Society spoke in support of retaining the name of Arevalos. He said that although minutes continue to mention the Fountain Valley connection, at the time of these pioneers, there was no Fountain Valley or Huntington Beach and that the town was named Talbert. He provided handout copies to Commission of a document dating back to 1923 where it discusses the farmers of the community, including Wardlow and Lamb amongst others.

Cindy Garcia, granddaughter of Andres Arevalos asked that the City keep the name of Arevalos Park, since it is important to their family and their heritage and it is the only park in the area representing the Latino culture.

Rocky Ciarelli provided background on his father, stating long time residency, his association with modern surfing in the 1950s, the time he spent as a lifeguard for the City and his involvement with the Recreation Department and Weed Abatement program as a City employee.

Mike Arevalos, spoke in support of the retention of the Arevalos name at the park.

DIRECTOR/MANAGER ITEMS:

Dominguez reported on the park tour held the previous week and said staff will try to schedule more in the future.

Dominguez stated that the Senior Center in Central Park is doing very well. He mentioned that Commission action is still needed to approve the permanent parking lot by Commission so it can move forward with a recommendation to City Council.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

G-1 Item – Park naming of Arevalos, Wardlow and the new park at the former Lamb School property were addressed. Dominguez gave background on the item. Dominguez stated that the property at the former Lamb School site has never been officially named. He referred to the criteria in Resolution 2004-90 and informed Commission that the Park Naming & Memorial Committee has held three public input meetings and Committee has determined a recommendation for Commission. Dominguez turned the floor over to Commissioner Couey, Chair of the Parks Naming & Memorial Committee for further reporting.

Committee Chair Couey reported that the process received good public participation. Committees felt that the Lamb School site should be named for Delbert “Bud” Higgins; Wardlow Park should be renamed after Frank Ciarelli, and the Arevalos Park name should be retained.

Commissioner Kaub commented that when she filled in as ex-officio at the two of the meetings, she felt that Committee did a great job at considering the criteria.

Dominguez informed both Commission and the public that the naming process requires that the recommendation go to Council for the final approval.

Forest addressed the public to let them know he understand their passion for retaining the original park names and will vote against the recommendation.

Commissioner Benitez asked if there are other naming options. Commissioner Couey responded that there are opportunities to name fields, benches, etc. at the parks. Dominguez mentioned the potential for the renaming Rodgers Seniors’ Center and the new park that will be developed as part of the Parkside Estates Project as options.

Commissioner Miles stated that the Committee looked at the individual’s accomplishments within the city as a whole – not just a particular area of the City for naming options.

Motion: Chair Kreitz called for a motion to accept the Park Naming & Memorial Committee recommendation on naming and renaming the subject parks. Commissioner Kaub moved to accept the recommendations as made by Committee. Commissioner Gasparian seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-1.

Ayes: Benitez; Burkart; Couey; Cuzzacrea; Gasparian; Kaub; Kreitz; Miles; Miller
Noes: Forest
Absent: Kwon; Moffatt; Thiel

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Team Room – Dominguez said that the Team Room is ready to go out to bid and anticipates an October start date.

Rodgers Seniors' Center – Dominguez informed Commission that at the September 14 meeting, staff will bring options for Commission to review. Once Commission gives direction, then conceptual plans will be created. Public input will be a part of this process.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMISSION BUSINESS: None

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Commissioner Miller referred to an email forwarded from Shari Engel by Gomez regarding the conditions at Central Park. He would like to have this item agendaized for the September meeting.

Commissioner Couey thanked the community for their input and comments on the park naming issue. He said the meeting at the Senior Center in the Park was a success and the facility is beautiful.

Commissioner Kaub stated her appreciation for the job the Park Naming & Memorials Committee did on the park naming issue. She also commented on the beauty of the new senior center.

Chair Kreitz echoed the sentiment of Commissioner Miller regarding the conditions at Central Park. He thanked the Park Naming & Memorials Committee and the community for a job well done on the park naming issue.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Chair Kreitz called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kaub moved for adjournment and Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez
Secretary
Community Services Commission

By: Charlene Gomez
Recording Secretary